

Proceedings of the Arizona Game and Fish
Commission License Revocation and Civil
Assessment Hearings
Time Certain – 2:00 p.m.
Friday, May 1, 2015
Bullhead City Council Chambers
1255 Marina Blvd.
Bullhead City, Arizona 86442

PRESENT: (Commission)

(Director's Staff)

Chairman Robert E. Mansell
Vice Chair Kurt R. Davis
Commissioner Edward "Pat" Madden
Commissioner James R. Ammons
Commissioner James S. Zieler

Director Larry D. Voyles
Deputy Director Ty E. Gray
Assistant Attorney General Jim Odenkirk
Assistant Attorney General Linda Pollock

Hearings on License Revocations for Violation of Game and Fish Codes and Civil Assessments
for the Illegal Taking and/or Possession of Wildlife

Presenter: Gene Elms, Law Enforcement Branch Chief

Mr. Elms presented the cases below to the Commission. Each of these cases were reviewed and it was determined that all cases met the criteria established in A.R.S. §17-238, §17-245 §17-314, §17-340, §17-362, §17-363 and/or §17-502 for Commission action. The Commission and the respondents were provided with copies of the original court docket and case reports prepared by the officers along with copies of all other pertinent materials in each of these cases. Each of the following individuals was legally noticed for this hearing.

Name	Docket #	Count	Conviction
Pedro Pablo Ruiz Leon	2015-0042	Count A:	Trespass on private property while hunting
Christopher J. Ball	2015-0043	Count A:	Take wildlife without license (Bobcat)
Christopher M. Perez	2015-0044	Count A:	Possess/transport unlawfully taken wildlife (Bobcat)
Corman, Jason F.	2015-0046	Count A:	Take wrong species (Mule Deer)

Roll call was taken and the following were present: Pedro Leon.

Mr. Elms stated that the civil assessment process is not intended to be punitive, but is a process allowing the Commission to recover financial damages to compensate the State for the loss of any wildlife. Hunter Education requirements are imposed as a remedial measure to increase knowledge and prevent future violations and not as punishment. The Commission was asked to consider and take action on the license revocations and/or civil assessments for the individuals listed above.

Motion: Mansell moved and Madden seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO TAKE JURISDICTION IN THESE CASES.

Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Elms noted that the notice of hearing for these individuals was sent out several weeks ago and that the address provided for this meeting was inaccurate. Mr. Leon is present and Mr. Cormon sent a letter indicating he would not be attending, but for Mr. Ball and Mr. Perez, Mr. Elms recommended postponing their hearings so they can be noticed with the proper address.

Motion: Madden moved and Zieler seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO POSTPONE THE HEARINGS FOR MR. BALL AND MR. PEREZ.

Vote: Unanimous

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Pedro Pablo Ruiz Leon

Docket # 2015-0042

Leon was found guilty by the Mammoth Justice Court for Count A: Trespass on private property while hunting; and sentenced: Fined \$450.00.

Leon was present and addressed the Commission asking for leniency. He saw the signs, but when the deer went in, he made a bad decision to go in and try to haze them back out.

Case Officer Brochu was present.

Motion: Davis moved and Ammons seconded THAT THE LICENSE(S) AND/OR LICENSES PRIVILEGES OF PEDRO PABLO RUIZ LEON TO HUNT, FISH AND TRAP IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA BE REVOKED AND HE BE DENIED ANOTHER UNTIL HE COMPLETES THE HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE; THAT THE CURRENT LICENSE(S) BE SUSPENDED AS OF THE DATE OF THIS HEARING, AND THAT IT/THEY BE REVOKED AS OF THE DATE THE ORDER IN THIS CASE IS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR; THAT HE BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE, AND PROVIDE PROOF TO THE DEPARTMENT'S LAW ENFORCEMENT BRANCH, BEFORE APPLYING FOR ANY OTHER LICENSE TO HUNT IN THIS STATE; AND FURTHER MOVE THAT THE DIRECTOR, AS SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION, BE DIRECTED TO SIGN AND ISSUE A FINDING OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND AN ORDER IN THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO THIS MOTION.

Vote: Aye - Davis, Madden, Ammons, Zieler
Nay - Mansell
Passed 4 to 1

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Jason F. Cormon

Docket # 2015-0046

Corman was found guilty by the Green Valley Justice Court for Count A: Take wrong species (mule deer); and sentenced: Fined \$1406.00.

Corman was not present, but sent a letter which was provided in the Commission packet.

Motion: Ammons moved and Zieler seconded THAT THE LICENSE(S) AND/OR LICENSES PRIVILEGES OF JASON F. CORMAN TO HUNT, FISH AND TRAP IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA BE REVOKED AND HE BE DENIED ANOTHER FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS; THAT THE CURRENT LICENSE(S) BE SUSPENDED AS OF THE DATE OF THIS HEARING, AND THAT IT/THEY BE REVOKED AS OF THE DATE THE ORDER IN THIS CASE IS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR; THAT HE BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE, AND PROVIDE PROOF TO THE DEPARTMENT'S LAW ENFORCEMENT BRANCH, BEFORE APPLYING FOR ANY OTHER LICENSE TO HUNT IN THIS STATE; THAT THE DEPARTMENT BE DIRECTED TO COLLECT CIVIL DAMAGES OR TO BRING CIVIL ACTION AGAINST JASON F. CORMAN TO COLLECT THE AMOUNT OF \$1,500.00 FOR THE LOSS OF ONE (1) MULE DEER BUCK; AND FURTHER MOVE THAT THE DIRECTOR, AS SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION, BE DIRECTED TO SIGN AND ISSUE A FINDING OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND AN ORDER IN THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO THIS MOTION.

Vote: Aye - Mansell, Ammons, Zieler

Nay - Davis, Madden

Passed 3 to 2

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These hearings concluded at 2:15 p.m.

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